

It is terribly hard to acknowledge the death of such a person. Paul will be greatly and genuinely missed because he was greatly and genuinely loved. That is a compliment to which all of us can aspire when we leave this Earth. But Paul's life took him a step beyond even that status among his family and friends and all who know or observed him in his public service.

We can say truthfully and appreciatively that we are better people because of the example Paul Tsongas set during his life. In that way, he not only improved the lives of many in very direct ways, he will continue to live on as an inspiration to us.

We will miss him, but we are comforted by what he has given to us.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the Federal Government is running on borrowed money—more than \$5 trillion of it. As of the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, January 21, the Federal debt stood at \$5,310,267,076,516.85. On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,919.19 as his or her share of the Federal debt.

More than two centuries ago, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. It's time for Congress to adopt a Declaration of Economic Responsibilities and an amendment requiring the President and Congress to come up with a balanced Federal budget—now.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 3:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 25. Joint resolution making technical corrections to the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104-208), and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report on Committee Activities of the Select Committee on Intelligence January 4, 1995 to October 3, 1996 (Rept. No. 105-1).

By Mr. MACK, from the Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report of the Joint Economic Committee Congress of the United States of the 1996 Economic Report of the President (Rept. No. 105-2).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. Res. 20. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

William S. Cohen, of Maine, to be Secretary of Defense.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 179. A bill to reform the financing of Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S. 180. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow married individuals to contribute to an IRA even if their spouse is a participant in a pension plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KERREY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COATS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FORD, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. BOND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 181. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that installment sales of certain farmers not be treated as a preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 182. A bill to make available for obligation such sums as are necessary to pay the Federal share of completion of construction of the Appalachian development highway system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 183. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to apply the Act to a greater percentage of the United States work force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 184. A bill to provide for adherence with the MacBride Principles of Economic Justice by United States persons doing business in Northern Ireland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 185. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to any State or local educational agency that denies or prevents participation in constitutional prayer in schools; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 186. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to purchases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve by entities in the insular areas of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 187. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to permit family planning projects to offer adoption services; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

S. 188. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to make preferential treatment an unlawful employment practice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

S. 189. A bill to prohibit the executive branch of the Federal Government from establishing an additional class of individuals that is protected against discrimination in Federal employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. 190. A bill to protect the lives of unborn human beings; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH):

S. 191. A bill to throttle criminal use of guns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 192. A bill to make it a violation of a right secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States to perform an abortion with the knowledge that the abortion is being performed solely because of the gender of the fetus; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GLENN:

S. 193. A bill to provide protections to individuals who are the human subject of research; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. KYL):

S. 194. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the section 170(e)(5) rules pertaining to gifts of publicly-traded stock to certain private foundations and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 195. A bill to abolish the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Council on the Arts; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 196. A bill to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 to require the Administrator of General Services to prioritize construction and alteration projects in accordance with merit-based needs criteria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.